

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 – 4 and 6 – 10 are allowed. Claims 5 and 12 are objected to. Claims 11, 13 and 14 have been rejected.

II. Claim Objections

Claim 5 was objected to for mistakenly reciting “load circuitry” rather than the proper antecedent “means for programmably varying the DC bias level.” For the sole reason of addressing this typographical error, claim 5 has been amended.

Claim 12 was identified as allowable, but because it depended from a rejected base claim, an objection was noted. In response, claim 12 has been amended solely to include the limitations of base claim 11 to obviate the objection noted above.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action identified rejections to claims 11 and 13 - 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Nguyen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,600,338). Although the Applicant’s disagree with the rejection, in the interest of timely prosecution, claim 11 has been deleted, and claims 13 and 14 amended for the sole reason of directing the respective dependencies to amended claim 12.

Applicants submit that all of the amendments and remarks set forth above place the claims in condition for allowance, and early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance M. Kreisman", with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Lance M. Kreisman

Reg. 39,256

Attorney for Applicants

Atty. Docket: 1782-US
phone: (818) 874-7026
fax: (818) 874-5626